

community, he is known for his enthusiasm to take on any problem none too small for his attention. His friends, his colleagues, and our community have benefited from his sincere regard for his employees, his hands on approach to sustainable giving, and dedicated community involvement.

Dr. Lechleiter's passion for, and dedication to, the biosciences industry clearly shows in his award winning work throughout the years. In 2014, he was named as the August M. Watanabe Life Sciences Champion of the Year for his vital support as one of the original organizers of the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute. BioCrossroads presents the Watanabe Award annually to an individual or organization that has facilitated the development and promotion of Indiana's life sciences. Dr. Lechleiter stated the importance of bringing together industry and research universities in a new, industry-led research institute that would bring entrepreneurial success as well as world-class talent to Indiana. His efforts to engage all sectors across the broader community have pushed Indiana forward to become a national leader in the biosciences industry.

Additionally, he was awarded the inaugural Global Health Partner Award from Project HOPE in 2012, and he received the 2015 International Citizen of the Year Award from the International Center of Indianapolis, Indiana. John and his wife Sarah have just recently been named as the winner of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee's 2016 Charles L. Whistler Award. This annual award recognizes individuals who, outside the regular duties of their chosen professions have brought together the public and private sectors for civic improvement in Indianapolis. This award recognizes the great commitment John and Sarah have made to early childhood education and their dedication to helping the advancement of our young people through early education. He has received Honorary Doctorates from Marian University, the University of Indianapolis, the National University of Ireland, Indiana University, Franklin College, and Purdue University.

In addition to his work at Lilly, Dr. Lechleiter is also a member of multiple boards and councils. Dr. Lechleiter is a member of the American Chemical Society and Business Roundtable. He is chairman of the U.S.—Japan Business Council, United Way Worldwide, and the United Way of Central Indiana, the Central Indiana Community Foundation, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and the Indiana Repertory Theater. He also serves on the boards of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, PhRMA, the Chemical Heritage Foundation, the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Nike, Inc., and Ford Motor Company.

During his time at Lilly, Dr. Lechleiter upheld and expanded Lilly's devotion to producing high-quality pharmaceuticals and giving back to the community. Lilly employs more than 11,000 people in the state of Indiana and more than 42,000 people across the globe. Lilly medicines serve countless doctors and more importantly patients around the world. Through Dr. Lechleiter's guidance and resolute leadership, great good has been done for the people of Indiana and the larger world. On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dr. Lechleiter on his outstanding career at Eli Lilly and Company and wish all the best to him and

his wife Sarah and their children Andrew, Daniel and Elizabeth and their families as they start the next exciting chapter their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF BEN VEREEN'S FIRST ANNUAL WELLNESS THROUGH THE ARTS SACRAMENTO ESSAY AWARDS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ben Vereen's First Annual Wellness through the Arts Sacramento Essay Awards at California State University, Sacramento on April 30th, 2016. The evening gathering is the inaugural event for Ben Vereen's new Sacramento chapter of Wellness through the Arts. Mr. Vereen created Wellness through the Arts for young people who are struggling with B.O.L.D. (Bullying, Obesity, Low Self-Esteem, and Diabetes), inviting them to embrace the performing arts as a means to a healthier lifestyle.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Ben Vereen and his program, Wellness through the Arts, to Sacramento. Ben Vereen is not only a legend and idol for many in the performing arts world, but he continues to use his platform to give back to communities in big ways. Bringing Wellness through the Arts to Sacramento will empower our region's students through art and positively impact them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose to do in life. Art enriches our lives in so many ways and Ben Vereen is making sure that students in Sacramento have greater access to those incredible benefits that art can have on our overall health and wellbeing.

As part of Wellness through the Arts, students from local high schools have taken part in an essay competition titled "My Best Day," about how the arts have helped them address health issues. I am excited about the accomplishments of each of the finalists of this competition: Alanna Serrato and Dylan Curry from C.K. McClatchy High School, Brendan Orellana, Danniell Urena, Darius Wilson, Dylan Achermann, Joseph Weldon, and Kate Brugger from Natomas Charter School, and Brian Thao and Joseph Gonsolis from Luther Burbank High School.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the students on their success in the competition and to welcome Ben Vereen's outstanding organization to our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the hard work of these students and Ben Vereen and his program that promotes healthier lifestyles for students by empowering them through performance and art.

CONGRATULATING LEONARD MARTIN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leonard Martin, City Manager

of the City of Carrollton, on his upcoming retirement after 15 years of outstanding service.

Leonard Martin has worked in city management for over four decades, serving in six cities, across four states. He began his career as a management analyst in Wichita Falls, before moving on to positions in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Over time, he has earned a reputation among his peers and council members as a leader and an innovator with a sincere commitment to good government.

Leonard was appointed City Manager of Carrollton in August 2001. From the beginning, he fostered a culture of managed competition. Dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents, he worked with local leaders and community members to set ambitious goals and cut waste, challenging city departments to find more efficient ways to serve the people of Carrollton.

His sustained commitment to high quality and affordable services led to incredible growth in the city over the past 15 years, including the expansion of the Dallas Area Rapid Transport system in Carrollton and the establishment of a multi-jurisdictional Public Safety radio system and regional dispatch center. These projects have had a tremendous impact on the lives of residents, transforming the downtown area and providing quicker emergency response times.

Under Leonard's tenure, the City of Carrollton has also developed a state-wide reputation for government transparency. Earlier this year, Carrollton became the first Texas municipality to receive commendation from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as part of the new Transparency Star program. As a direct result of Leonard's efforts to increase accountability and openness, Carrollton has earned Transparency Stars in the areas of Traditional Finances, Economic Development, Debt Obligations, and Public Pensions—the most of any municipality in the state.

Among his many achievements, Leonard has been recognized as City Manager of the Year in both Oklahoma and Missouri, and in 2014 he was awarded the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Leonard and his many years of exceptional service to the City of Carrollton. His leadership will be greatly missed. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Leonard Martin on his retirement.

HONORING THE DELBERT DAY CANCER INSTITUTE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the Delbert Day Cancer Institute at Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

The nationally accredited Delbert Day Cancer Institute will provide comprehensive cancer treatment care to residents of south central Missouri and its surrounding areas. The center will directly improve access to life saving and live extending services. I am proud to know